

KEEP a GOOD LIGHT

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In the past, lighthouse keepers lived and worked in lighthouses on remote headlands, islands and rocks all around Ireland, from Tuskar Rock in County Wexford to Eagle Island in County Mayo. They must have missed their families and friends. I waved at my mum through her upstairs window yesterday and it reminded me of Ballycotton in County Cork, where it's said every evening the lighthouse keepers' children stood on the quay and waved goodnight to their dads on Ballycotton Island.

Lighthouses kept sailors safe but they also looked after their keepers, like our homes are keeping us safe right now.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Hug by Sarah Webb

Our lighthouse,
Our white house,
Our beacon in the night house.
Safe inside your stony arms
We'll weather every storm.

Challenge 2:
Write a story about
a family who lives in
a lighthouse

Challenge 1:
Design and draw
your own lighthouse

Challenge 3:
Draw a seagull
and a seal

Challenge 4:
Write about a seagull
and a seal who live beside
a lighthouse

Poetry Challenge:
Write a poem or short piece called
'Staying Inside.'